

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE AUGUST 30, 1961

Full Name HALPERN, SAMUEL BARRY

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 1322 Hicks Street

City New York 69, State N. Y.

Age 27 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Protestant Nationality American

Occupation U.S. Army 3 years - Emp: YM-YWHA, Education Dept. 1395 Lexington Ave. N.Y.C. N.Y.

Education High School also 4 years of College, The City College of New York.

Weight 220 Color White Height 6'2"

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Green

Outstanding characteristics or interests \_\_\_\_\_

Married or single single 5-60 Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

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<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Greater N.Y. Council	N.Y.		ASM & SM	1952	1960
Atlanta Area	Ga.		NC	1955	1956
Transatlantic			NC	1956	1958
Special recognition	<u>8 years Scouter Service</u>				

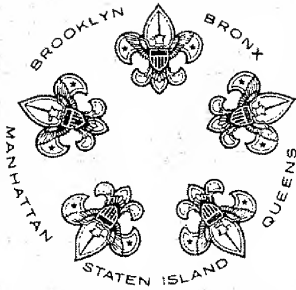
Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Executive

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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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August 30, 1961

Dr. Delmer H. Wilson, Director  
Division of Personnel  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, N. Y.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
RE: BARRY S. HALPERN

Dear Dr. Wilson:

As of August 31, 1961 we have terminated the employment of Barry S. Halpern, District Executive of the Manhattan Council, and request that his name be added to the Confidential List.

Incident report is attached.

Sincerely,

*RCB Birkemeier*

Robert C. Birkemeier  
Director of Field Service

RCB:mm

*Delmer H. Wilson*  
DELMER H. WILSON  
REGIONAL SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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August 21, 1961

To: Theodore P Accas, Assistant Director, Ten Mile River Scout Camps

From: Richard M Ruffino, Delaware Section Director, TMR Scout Camps

Subject: Incident Report - Barry Halpern, Unit Program Counselor, District Scout Executive, Manhattan Council

At approximately 4:00 P.M. on Monday, 21 August 1961 while driving my car toward Camp Chappagat I met William Scolley, Assistant Section Director, Delaware Section, who was driving toward the Section Service Center to find me.

Scout [redacted] of Troop 26 Brooklyn was his passenger. Bill asked me to park my car and ride with he and [redacted]. Bill introduced me to [redacted] and asked him to relate to me the incident which had already been related to Bill Scolley by Mr Thomas Reilly, D.C. of Eastern District, Brooklyn.

[redacted] told me that on the morning of 21 August 1961 Mr Barry Halpern, Unit Program Counselor, at Camp Chappagat entered the Onondaga Campsite and asked Scout [redacted] to talk with him in the Leaders leantoe. [redacted] went with Barry Halpern and they both sat down on the lower bunk of the double decker bunk in the leantoe.

[redacted] stated that Barry Halpern then said something about leadership and bullying boys and that he [redacted] then layed down. They talked further and [redacted] continued that Barry then layed down on the bed along side and asked him if he would like a 'pink belly'. [redacted] said no and further stated that Barry Halpern then proceeded to open the buckle of his pants belt and undid the zipper on his pants and then proceeded to handle his 'personal areas'.

[redacted] continued, at about this point the Scoutmaster of Troop 26 [redacted] entered the campsite and Barry jumped out of the bunk and left the leantoe. Bill Scolley and I thanked the boy for confiding in us and asked him to return to his campsite and not say a word to anyone else.

Bill and myself then found Barry Halpern and took him to the Delaware Service Center where Ted Accas was located. I advised Ted of the incident and we took Barry to the TMR Service Center. After a brief consultation between Wint Hartman, Ted Accas and myself, Wint confronted Barry Halpern with the accusation. Wint further outlined the courses of action available to Barry. Barry, at this point, denied the accusation. Wint Hartman asked Barry to remain at the TMR Service Center, while I again, in the company of Rev. Anthony Paone S.J., Catholic Chaplain at TMR re-interviewed the [redacted] and Scout [redacted].

[redacted] told us that Scout [redacted] in his opinion was a good boy and a reliable and honest one. He also confirmed the story herein described. Father Paone then interviewed Scout [redacted] since he was a Catholic boy and attended a Catholic parochial school. The youngster recognised his obligation to tell the truth to his Priest and again told the same story he had related to Mr Scolley and myself earlier.

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It was further stated that Scout [REDACTED] of Troop 26 was witness to the situation of that morning. Father Paone then separately questioned Scout [REDACTED] who stated that he had seen Barry Halpern and [REDACTED] together in the leantoe "doing something bad". It was further discovered that a few nights ago Barry had entered the leantoe of Scout [REDACTED] of Troop 26 Brooklyn woke him up and masturbated him. This boy left camp on Sunday, August 20, 1961 along with several other boys who the Scoutmaster had sent home for misbehaving.

Father Paone and myself then returned to the TMR Service Center and again consulted with Wint Hartman. Father Paone informed Mr Hartman that, in his opinion, the boys were telling the truth. Mr Hartman then asked Father Paone on his advise and recommendations, thanked him and further consulted with Barry Halpern. Bill Scollay had originally been informed of the situation by Mr Thomas Reilly, District Commissioner of Eastern District Brooklyn who had been told by [REDACTED], Scoutmaster of Troop 26 since he was seeking advise. [REDACTED] also discussed a hypothetical case with another Scoutmaster in the camp seeking advise.

All previous persons having knowledge of the situation were counseled with and encouraged to keep the entire situation in the strictest confidence. Father Paone further agreed to counsel with the boys to reassure them and prevent any boy gossip. Mr Robert L Billington, Scout Executive of the GNYC was informed by Mr Hartman of the entire situation.

Mr Halpern is scheduled to leave the TMR Service Center at 6:00A.M. on Tuesday, August 22, 1961 to confer with Mr Billington and Mr Robert Parkinson at the GNYC Service Center.

The Camp Director of Chappagat was told that Barry Halpern had to leave camp immediately because of a personal crisis and is unaware of the entire situation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard M. Ruffino*  
Richard M Ruffino  
Director Delaware.

Scouts mentioned above

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Scoutmaster Troop 26 Bkln

[REDACTED]  
Bkln, Age 23

Above mentioned report sent to Robert L Billington  
Scout Executive, Greater New York Councils, BSA

*Wint Hartman*

*Barry Halpern*

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